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AFTER 2 CLUB

This new Club meets on Tuesdays from 2 - 3.30pm in the Pettiward Hall. Everyone, male or female, old or young, is welcome to drop in for a cup of tea and a chat. We have toys for young children to play with, and intend to invite occasional speakers and demonstrators on various subjects to share their knowledge and crafts with us.

If you would like to know more, please drop in to the Pettiward Hall on a Tuesday afternoon.

PETTIWARD HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Sixty new chair seats have been made at a cost of £117, and gradually, as time permits, kind volunteers are replacing the damaged canvases.

Coming events

Friday, March 27th 7.0pm: At the Parish Meeting we shall be giving our Annual report. We would appreciate your interest in coming along.

Thursday, April 2nd 7.30pm: Whist Drive. Admission 30p inc. refreshments.

Monday, April 20th (Easter Monday)

2.30pm Egg Competitions on The Green Race of the Bogmen Teas in the Hall

8.0pm Ceilidh (Barn Dance) in the Hall to the music of THE TRUNKLES. A bar has been applied for.

All proceeds from these events will go towards the upkeep of the Hall.

What goes on in the Main Hall

Tuesdays 2pm - 3.30 pm After 2 Club - open to everyone 8pm - 9pm Ladies Keep Fit (except in the school holidays)

Thursdays 9.30am - 12 noon Playgroup 2nd Thursday every month 7.30pm W.I.

There are two more rooms suitable for small meetings at the back of the Hall. Rules of hire and charges are diplayed on the outside and inside notice boards. Booking Secretary: Mrs.H.Smith, Hilmic House, Tel: Stowmarket 5492.

Pat Smith (Chairman)

ST.ANDREWS CHURCH

Services

Sun. 15th March
Sun 22nd March
Sun 29th March
Sun 5th April
Sun 12th April
Sun 12th April
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Holy Week

Monday 13th April 7pm EP
Thursday 19th April 7pm HC
Friday 20th April 2pm Good Friday service

Sunday 19th April (Easter Day)

8am HC at Harleston 10am Family Communion at Onehouse 11.15am Family Communion at Finborough

Sunday 26th April 10.30am HC

Annual Church Meeting MONDAY 30th March, 7.30pm Pettiward Hall

ALL PARISHIONERS are entitled to attend this meeting, to hear reports on Church affairs and to elect Churchwardens. Only those on the Church Roll are entitled to vote for or to be elected to, the Church Council; all baptised members of the Church of England over 17 years of age may be on the Church Roll. At present only 10 per cent care enough for their Church to make their voice heard.

Answers to the February Quiz

1. Mr.F. Proctor and Mr.R. Proctor

2. (see above)

3. (a) anyone who dies within the parish

(b) anyone baptised who lives in the parish or who is on the Church Roll.

4. £5,000 p.a. gross for all 3 parishes; of this £900 is 'dead' money from endowments, the remainder from the living Church through parochial shares, fees and hospital pay.

5. Tied house, rent and rate free from Church Commissioners;

tax allowance on heating and lighting.

6. 155 feet; nothing (bells are in the tower).
7. Visit of Jesus to Martha and Mary at Bethany.

Hugh Wake, Vicar

WOMENS INSTITUTE

The President, Mrs. Smith, welcomed three new members at the February meeting. Mr. Copping gave a beautiful slide show of the various birds to be found in the Nature Reserve. The next meeting will be held on March 12th when there will be a talk on the National Trust. An evening outing has been arranged for March 31st when we shall visit Palmers Bakery at Haughley.

Berice Jordan

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The Mobile Library service calls at the following times on Fridays fortnightly (dates shown below):

Hadleigh Road Post Box		3.55 - 4.05pm	
Oak Close		4.10 - 4.25pm	
March	13th, 27th	August	14th, 28th
April	10th, 24th	September	11th, 25th
May	8th, 22nd	October	9th, 23rd
June	5th, 19th	November	6th, 20th
July	3rd, 17th, 31st	December	4th, 18th

BUXHALL & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL GARDENING SECTION

Mrs.T.Gray of The Old Police House, Great Finborough on behalf of the Cardening Section of the Buxhall & District Community Council extends an open welcome to Finborough residents to attend the activities of the Section. The 1981 programme commenced on March 11th with a talk on "Bedding Plants for the Summer". Other events planned for the year include:

May 13th - 'Unusual Vegetables', talk by Mr. Batty of Thompson and Morgan.

June 3rd - visit to Barcocks Nursery, Drinkstone, 7pm
Sept 9th - 'Flower Arrangements', Mrs.Collings of Combs

Sept 19th - Horticultural and Produce Show, Buxhall Playing Field and Village Hall.

Nov 11th - 'The Year at Wisley', Mr. Knight, ex-director RHS gardens, Wisley (rearranged from last year)

The talks take place in Buxhall Village Hall. If you would like further details of these or other Community Council events please contact Mrs.Gray (Tél: Stowmarket 4819).

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Branch Meeting: Thursday 19th March at Chestnut Horse 8pm Veterans' Party: Monday 27th April at Buxhall Crown 7pm

Hugh Wake, Hon Sec.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Pettiward Hall on Friday, 27th March, 1981 commencing at 7.00 pm. Please note the early start time. This is a meeting for all parishioners so please come and hear how the village has progressed during the last year and its plans for the future. There will be reports from parish organisations and the County and District Councillors. There will be plenty of time for you to have your say as well.

A Parish Council meeting will follow at approximately 8 pm

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Eskimo Story.

Last week when I was out hunting polar bears I sighted one just over a ridge. It made me very glad, because it was my first sighting. As I rounded a corner by a large lake I hit a chunk of ice. The sledge overturned and sent us into a snowdrift. My gun was flung onto the frozen lake; luckily nobody was hurt because the cold snow brought them back to their senses. Suddenly I saw the polar bear towering over the top of me. My gun was flung on the ice and my right arm was broken. I whipped out my knife and cut three of my huskies free. Their names were Bonza, Bojo and Tanza; they had all experienced polar bears before. U cut free the rest of the huskies and began to crawl slowly to my gun across the ice. Next a second polar bear came towards us. The huskies were trained to only worry polar bears. Suddenly Bojo came too near the polar bear; it picked him up in its jaws and tossed him onto the lake. Bojo slid across the ice, he got up and I called him to fetch my gun. He picked it up and slowly came across the ice. What I did not know was that the polar bears were mating and had a cub. I shot the first polar bear and it fell on my sledge and crushed it. Then I remembered a tinder-box which a white man gave me for making fire. I set light to a piece of blubber. I could not throw the blubber far enough so I tossed it into the air and hit it with my rifle butt; it was a perfect shot; it landed on the polar bear's fur; the polar bear's fur caught alight. The bear jumped up and down; the piece of ice the polar bear was standing on broke away. I saw my chance. I lifted up my rifle and shot at the polar bear. I made him edge backwards by shooting his feet as he was at the edge of the ice. I shot him in both knees; he reeled bac wards and fell into the water with a splash. As the polar bear's head came up I shot him in the head. I saw bubbles. I waited a few more moments to be sure he was dead, then I began to trudge back home. Next day at 11 o'clock I entered my village; after a meal, I told the folk of my adventures and I was awarded a new rifle for my bravery and I also had a new team of huskies.

ANDREW STEEL,
AGED 9 YRS

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